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**HONORING THE SELECTION OF
CASEY'S PLACE AS THE NA-
TIONAL HOUSING ENDOWMENT'S
CHOICE AS "PROJECT OF THE
YEAR"**

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor The Home Builders Association of Central New York on having their project, Casey's Place, chosen as "Project of the Year" by the National Housing Endowment. The Home Builders Association of Central New York is the first association in the Northeast to receive this prestigious award.

Casey's Place, a pediatric respite house for children with disabilities, is truly a remarkable project. It is the only facility of its kind in the U.S. that offers the needed services for the medically fragile and the developmentally challenged and their families, all free of charge.

Casey's Place came about through the hard work and dedication of the 350 member Home Builders Association of Central New York. Members donated materials, labor, and made financial contributions in order to create this dream home where families can escape the hardships of dealing with these types of tough medical conditions. The 10,000 square foot space is equipped with a media room, recreation room, accessible kitchen, themed restrooms, fully accessible shower and bathing facilities with reclining air jet tubs and state-of-the-art overhead lifting systems.

To date, Casey's Place has provided overnight, school break and summer day programs to over 150 children and their families from Central New York. Casey's Place lets these kids experience many of the activities we all take for granted. Without the altruistic spirit of the Home Builders Association of Central New York, none of this would be possible. They deserve special recognition. I wish them the best of luck with the Casey's Place and hope they are able to touch many more families across the region.

**RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERV-
ICE OF SENATOR LOURDES LEON
GUERRERO**

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a dedicated public servant and a true daughter of Guam, Senator Lou Leon Guerrero. The daughter of the late Jesus Sablan and Eugenia Aflague Leon Guerrero, Lou was born and raised on Guam along with her brothers Jesse and Tony Leon Guerrero. She graduated from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam High School and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the California State University at Los Angeles

in 1973. Lou began her career as a healthcare professional, working as a staff nurse at the Santa Monica Hospital. She was also attending graduate courses at UCLA, at this time. She earned her Master of Arts degree in Public Health in 1979.

Lou returned home to work at the Guam Memorial Hospital in 1980. She quickly rose through the ranks of Guam Memorial Hospital, serving as the hospital's Assistant Director of Nursing 1982 to 1983. Lou then worked for next 10 years at the Family Health Plan (FHP), a private health clinic on Guam. Lou became the FHP's Director of Operations in 1990. She served in that capacity until she entered politics in 1994.

Lou is a four-term senator in the Guam Legislature. She has served in a number of leadership roles during her 8 years in the Legislature. Lou became the Chairwoman of the Committee on Rules and Health in 2003. She was also a candidate for Lieutenant Governor during the 1998 election cycle.

Lou's career as a nurse laid the foundation for her commitment to serving Guam and the public. Lou's caring nature, her humanity, and her commitment to improving not only the quality of the healthcare available on this island, but the island as a whole was clear to see to those who worked closely with her over the years. It is my hope that her legacy of professionalism, service to the island, and community leadership will serve as a lasting inspiration for her family, friends, and associates as she leaves the Legislature for a new chapter in her professional life.

Lou forges an exciting a new path for herself and her family as she transitions to the position of President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Guam. Her brother Tony also served in this capacity. Her father Jesus founded the bank. Her service at the Bank of Guam is continuing the family tradition.

I have had the honor and privilege to work very closely with Lou over the years. She is both a colleague and a friend. I admire her tenacity, her love for the island of Guam and its people, and her commitment to do what she believes is best for them. Her determination to improve the lives of residents of Guam, her commitment to forming good public policy, and her persistence in seeing the needed carried out is commendable. Her presence in the Legislature will be greatly missed.

On behalf of a grateful island, I join her husband, Attorney Jeff Cook, her children Joaquin and Mariana, and all the people of Guam, in extending Senator Lou Leon Guerrero my most heartfelt appreciation for all the good work she has done for Guam. Additionally, I wish her success and prosperity in her new leadership roles at the Bank of Guam.

**MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER
REMEMBERED**

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a great American warrior and patriot. Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel was a veteran of three wars, a Medal of Honor recipient, and a major figure in Army

aviation history. He passed away on April 2 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center after a long battle with cancer. CWO Novosel spent his last days as he spent most days at Walter Reed, talking with soldiers that were recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Novosel received the Medal of Honor for his "gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." His citation reads:

He unhesitatingly maneuvered his helicopter into a heavily fortified and defended enemy training area where a group of wounded [South] Vietnamese soldiers were pinned down by a large enemy force. Flying without gunship or other cover and exposed to intense machine gun fire, CWO Novosel was able to locate and rescue a wounded soldier. Since all communications with the beleaguered troops had been lost, he repeatedly circled the battle area, flying at low level under continuous heavy fire, to attract the attention of the scattered friendly troops. This display of courage visibly raised their morale, as they recognized this as a signal to assemble for evacuation.

On 6 occasions he and his crew were forced out of the battle area by the intense enemy fire, only to circle and return from another direction to land and extract additional troops. Near the end of the mission, a wounded soldier was spotted close to an enemy bunker. Fully realizing that he would attract a hail of enemy fire, CWO Novosel nevertheless attempted the extraction by hovering the helicopter backward. As the man was pulled on board, enemy automatic weapons opened fire at close range, damaged the aircraft and wounded CWO Novosel. He momentarily lost control of the aircraft, but quickly recovered and departed under the withering enemy fire.

In all, 15 extremely hazardous extractions were performed in order to remove wounded personnel. As a direct result of his selfless conduct, the lives of 29 soldiers were saved. The extraordinary heroism displayed by CWO Novosel was an inspiration to his comrades in arms and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

As a dustoff pilot, CWO Novosel flew 2,543 missions and rescued 5,589 wounded or stranded soldiers, according to Army records. He was an excellent soldier and an extraordinary American. May God bless him and his family.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. CAROL C.
HARTER**

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Carol C. Harter, who is retiring after serving as the president University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the past 11 years.

Dr. Harter has dedicated herself to enriching the academic experience of the students at UNLV and expanding programs and enrollment at the university. Since Dr. Harter's appointment in 1995, UNLV has created more than 100 new degree programs. During her tenure at UNLV, more than 17 new buildings have been added, including the Lied Library. In addition, under her leadership, UNLV created the William S. Boyd School of Law, the School of Architecture, and the School of Dental Medicine—the first professional schools in